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GRRAAAGH!

...I'M STILL CHANGING... MY MIND IS CRUMBLING...!

WHERE AM I? WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?!

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YOU SUGGEST I HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH RAVAGE'S DISAPPEARANCE? IT WASN'T *ME* WHO LEFT HIM TO WANDER AROUND HELLROCK!

HE WAS UNDER A PILE OF TOXIC GARBAGE STRONG ENOUGH TO *POISON* A THOUSAND MEN...!

...BUT ACCORDING TO MY FAITHFUL MUTROIDS THE SO-CALLED "FREE HELLROCK" REBELS DUG HIM OUT!

ALL I SUGGEST, *LADY SEERESS*, IS THAT SINCE I PERSONALLY PUT HIM THERE--*AND* I KILLED THE MUTROIDS WHO ACCOMPANIED ME--*NO ONE* ON THIS ISLAND KNEW WHERE HE WAS!

SOMEONE TOLD THE REBELS WHERE TO FIND HIM...

...AND AS *YOU* ARE THE ONLY PERSON IN POSSESSION OF A FAR-SEEING *CAUL-TRON*...?

DETHSTRYK, MY LORD, MY LOVE...! YOU MEAN--THERE IS A REBEL *SPY* AMONGST MY SLAVES AND GUARDS?

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT ONE OF THEM HAS WATCHED ME AND *LEARNED* HOW TO USE THE DEVICE... I SHALL QUESTION THEM CLOSELY... THIS IS OUT-RAGEOUS!

WE SHALL *QUESTION* THEM TOGETHER, SEERESS ...I AM CONCERNED FOR YOUR SAFETY!

GOOD WORK, MAGGBAR! YOU MAY GO NOW.

THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM, MASTER.

RIGHT... WHICH OF YOU IS A SECRET SPY FOR THE REVOLUTION? COME NOW-- DON'T BE SHY! SPEAK UP!

MY LORD... SURELY A SUBTLER APPROACH? NO TRAITOR WOULD EVER CONFESS IN SUCH A--

I QUITE AGREE... AND SO...

KR-ZZRAAK!

I SHALL DESTROY THEM ALL!

FEAR NOT FOR THE LOSS, *FAITHFUL* LADY...! I SHALL REPLACE THEM ALL FROM MY OWN PERSONAL GUARD... EACH ONE FANATICALLY *LOYAL* TO ME!

RAVAGE CALLED YOU HIS FRIEND, SO YOU MUST BE INTELLIGENT... EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T TALK!

EVERY HEALTHY PERSON IN THE VILLAGE GAVE BLOOD TO FEED YOU. YOU SEEM TO BE BETTER NOW. IS THERE ANY-THING ELSE WE CAN DO FOR YOU...?

I KNOW YOU CAN'T PICK UP MY THOUGHTS THE WAY RAVAGE CAN... BUT THANKS ANYWAY--I THINK YOU SAVED MY LIFE!

WATCH OUT! I THINK IT'S ABOUT TO FLY...

BUT IS THERE MORE TO THIS THAN JUST AN OLD ENEMY TRACKING RAVAGE DOWN?

I SENSE MOMENTOUS EVENTS TAKING PLACE...

I COULD DO NOTHING TO HELP RAVAGE... I HAD TO STAY WHERE I'D FALLEN... HOPE DETHSTRYK WOULD BELIEVE ME TO BE DEAD--I NEARLY WAS... BUT I'M TOUGHER THAN HE THINKS!

FLAM TOWN HOSPITAL

... RAVAGE IS IN REAL TROUBLE... AND IF I'M TO BE ANY USE TO HIM -- I'LL NEED HELP!

BUT I DON'T KNOW ANY HUMANS ... APART FROM THEIR BLOOD, I DON'T EVEN LIKE THEM!

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST -- WAIT -- WHO'S THIS FLYING AT SUCH AN ALTITUDE?

I HAVE NEVER MET THIS PERSON BEFORE, BUT FROM WHAT RAVAGE TOLD ME ... I MUST BE VERY, VERY CAREFUL!

GET OUT OF MY SPACE, BAT! ONE WRONG TWITCH AND I'LL CUT YOU INTO A LEATHER JACKET AND FUR COLLAR!

I ..ER... I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU'RE TELEPATHIC, ARE YOU...?

I DIDN'T KNOW HOW LONG I WAS THERE, OR WHERE I WAS... I BARELY KNEW WHO I WAS, AS THE BREW OF DETHSTRYK'S FOUL POISONS WORKED THEIR WAY THROUGH ME...

I WAS STILL CHANGING... DEVOLVING... LOSING MY HUMANITY -- PERHAPS MY SOUL...

AWAKE NOW, MY FINE, STRONG BRUTE?

SNAARLL! WHO ARE YOU?! AND WHAT THE SHOCK AM I DOING HERE?

Shhh! NOT SO ANGRY, NOW... I AM THE SEERESS, AND I AM YOUR FRIEND -- WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE!

FRIEND!? THEN WHY AM I CHAINED LIKE THIS?

FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, RAVAGE... YOU ARE OUT OF CONTROL... I DON'T WANT YOU TO HURT YOURSELF!

OUR ENEMY -- DETHSTRYK -- HAS POISONED YOU... I AM TRYING TO HEAL YOU.

WHY SHOULD I TRUST YOU...? I CAN'T EVEN TRUST MYSELF!

YOU ARE TO HEAD THE REVOLUTION... BE MY CHAMPION. DESTROY THE TYRANT!

AH, MY MAGNIFICENT BEAST! WE HAVE MUCH TO OFFER ONE ANOTHER! IN TIME YOU SHALL LEARN TO BELIEVE IN ME!

ONLY YOU, RAVAGE, HAVE EVER SUCCESSFULLY STOOD UP TO DETHSTRYK... ALL MY OTHER HEROES HAVE TRIED AND FAILED-- THEY DIED HORRIBLY...

ONE DAY THE LORD OF HELLROCK WILL TIRE OF ME... MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO STRIKE FIRST!

AND STRIKE WE SHALL, MISTRESS... HARD! YOU SHALL BE THE QUEEN OF HELLROCK... THE MUTROIDS SHALL KNOW PEACE AND PLENTY UNDER YOUR FAIR REIGN!

AH, BRAGGAR... YOU'VE ANSWERED MY SUMMONS -- I TRUST YOU FOUND MY NEW GUARDS SOUNDLY ASLEEP? AS SHALL I WHEN I REPORT THEM TO DETHSTRYK...

... I LOVE WATCHING HIM KILLING HIS OWN MEN IN A FIT OF INFANTILE RAGE!

MY ARMY IS READY, SEERESS... I AM YOUR ARROW, AIMED AT THE TYRANT'S FETID HEART! SIMPLY RELEASE ME!

ON THAT SUBJECT... THE REASON I SUMMONED YOU WAS TO DISMISS YOU.

LOOK AT HIM, BRAGGAR -- DO YOU THINK I NEED YOUR INADEQUATE TALENTS, WHEN I HAVE *HIM*?

BUT, BUT MISTRESS... I *ADORE* YOU -- I WOULD DO ANYTHING YOU COMMAND!

GOOD! FIND A DEEP, DARK HOLE, AND *DROP* YOURSELF INTO IT!

IF ONLY I COULD CONCENTRATE... UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS GOING ON.

RAVAGE... ATTACK! DEFEND ME! DEFEND YOUR MISTRESS!

THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG HERE... MY MIND SWIRLED IN A HAZE OF UNCERTAINTY... SOMEBODY WAS DOING SOMETHING WRONG...

NOOO! NO ONE TREATS ME THIS WAY -- NOT EVEN YOU, SEERESS!

I COULD BLAST THIS FUTILE WRETCH TO BLOODY MIST, BUT NOW IS THE TIME FOR ME TO TEST MY NEW WEAPON.

YOU'RE NOT SO SMART, SEERESS... YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE CHAINED YOUR NEW DOG TO THE WALL!

RAVAGE! NOW!

MY MIND COULD ONLY FOCUS CLEARLY WHEN RAGE FILLED ME... ONLY IN VIOLENCE AND OBEDIENCE TO THIS STRANGE WOMAN COULD I FIND MEANING TO MY EXISTENCE.

RROOAAW!
KILL!!
KILL!

K-CHANG

HERE, BRAGGAR... USE THIS!

LET'S SEE WHAT MY CHAMPION'S REALLY MADE OF!

K-THOOM K-THOOM K-THOOM

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YOU ARE TRULY EVIL, SEERESS! BUT THAT WAS A MISTAKE... I SHALL KILL YOU FIRST!

THEN, YOU DIE, WITCH!

NO!
MUST SAVE MY MISTRESS!
AARGH!
DIE! DIE! YOU WILL DIE!
SNAARRL!
NO! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!

NO, PLEASE! SPARE ME! DON'T YOU SEE...? WE'RE *BOTH* HER PAWNS IN THIS!

THE SAVAGE WITHIN ME WANTED TO RIP HIM TO PIECES.

I--I WON'T KILL HIM. IT--IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT!

BUT SOME FLECK OF MY FORMER SELF KNEW THAT I MUST NOT MURDER THIS DELUDED MUTROID.

WEAKLING! SEE HOW *EASILY* I DO WHAT YOU HAVE NO STOMACH FOR!

HE'S AT YOUR MERCY... STRIKE NOW, KILL HIM!

YOU ARE BEAUTIFULLY STRONG AND SAVAGE... BUT I HAVE MUCH TO TEACH YOU ABOUT THE *REALITIES* OF LIFE!

"WE ARE NEARLY THROUGH, MY LORD."

WE HAVE ISOLATED THE SECTION THAT WILL *REVERSE* THE POLARITY OF THE ION FIELD.

EXCELLENT! STAND ASIDE -- I WISH TO *PERSONALLY* THROW THE SWITCH!

MASTER... WE HAVE DETECTED A *TRAP* -- SOME TYPE OF SAFETY DEVICE. THE SWITCH CAN BE THROWN -- BUT NOT WITHOUT TRIGGERING THE DEVICE.

INGENIOUS! MY SPONSORS AT ALCHEMAX SEEM TO HAVE ANTICIPATED THIS MOVE...

YOU SAY THAT THE FIELD CAN BE REVERSED... THE *ONLY* PROBLEM IS THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE...?

ER, YES, MASTER...

THE SOLUTION IS SIMPLE, MY UNINSPIRED THRALLS...

...WAIT UNTIL I'M SAFELY CLEAR...

...AND TRIGGER THE DEVICE YOUR-SELVES!

KOOM!

THAT WAS CLOSE.. WHAT KIND OF BOMB DID THEY PLANT DOWN THERE?

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY... HAS IT WORKED?

HAS THE ION INDUCTION FIELD, THAT MAKES SUCH A *GARBAGE BIN* OF MY DOMAIN, BEEN REVERSED?

YES! IT'S WORKED... AS THE TIDE GOES OUT, HELLROCK WILL BE DISTRIBUTED *THROUGH-OUT* THE EARTH, UNTIL ALL IS POLLUTED IN A TIDE OF ***DEATH!***

"WHEN ALL EARTH IS A BARREN POISONOUS SLIME, IT SHALL BE *HELLWORLD*--AND I SHALL BE ITS RULER!"

OF COURSE I'M NOT TELEPATH-- OH...!

I CAN *HEAR* WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BUT YOU'RE NOT TALKING... WHAT KIND OF CREATURE ARE YOU?

WHY, I'M EXACTLY THE SAME AS YOU... I'M AN ANIMAL THAT CAN FLY... MORE IMPORTANTLY-- I'M A FRIEND.

QUITE A PHILOSOPHER, AREN'T YOU?...SO HOW DO YOU FIGURE WE'RE FRIENDS-- I'VE *NEVER* HEARD OF YOU BEFORE!

...AND IF I WERE YOU, I'D FLY RIGHT ON IN-TO THE SUNSET... AS FAR FROM RAVAGE AS YOU CAN GET.

YOU'RE TIANA, AREN'T YOU?... ALIAS HELA, GODDESS OF THE UNDERWORLD.

BEING A FRIEND OF RAVAGE'S *DOES* NOT MAKE YOU A FRIEND OF MINE!

I'M A CLOSE FRIEND OF RAVAGE'S--HE NEEDS OUR HELP!

I DON'T *CARE* WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE HE'S IN. HE'S AN ARROGANT, SELF-CENTERED EGOIST...

WHERE IS HE, ANYWAY?

ON HELLROCK... HE WAS CAPTURED BY SOMEONE CALLED DETHSTRYK!

HELLROCK?! DETHSTRYK?! WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO IN THE *FIRST* PLACE? I'VE GOT MY OWN SCORE TO SETTLE WITH DETHSTRYK!

WELL, ANYWAY... I'M SORRY I BOTHERED YOU!

COME ON, BAT...

...I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO FLY!

SKRONK!

AS THE SEERESS LED ME TO THE REVOLUTIONARIES' CAVE, I BEGAN TO EXPERIENCE DÉJA VU... BUT MY MIND WAS STILL IN A HAZE...

HERE WE ARE, RAVAGE... YOUR ARMY AWAITS YOU!

FREE MUTROIDS OF HELLROCK! GREET YOUR NEW LEADER! UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP WE CAN ■REST CONTROL FROM THE TYRANT!

I KNOW YOUR TRICKS, SEERESS! BUT YOU, RAVAGE... HOW CAN YOU ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE LED BY HER? SHE IS CORRUPT TO THE CORE!

YOU! URSELL! I-I *REMEMBER* YOU! IT WAS YOU WHO HELPED ME THE FIRST TIME I WAS HERE... I THOUGHT YOU HAD DIED! ■

I MAY BE OLD, BUT I DO NOT DIE SO EASILY. THE SAME GENETIC ALTERATION THAT SAVED YOU KEPT *ME* ALIVE AND IMPERVIOUS TO BLASTERS AS WELL!

I EVEN SURVIVED THE CAVE-IN THROUGH A NETWORK OF UNDERGROUND TUNNELS!

X RAVAGE 2099 # 5.

YOU HAVE CHANGED MUCH, FRIEND RAVAGE... BUT I TRUST YOUR HEART IS STILL STRONG AND TRUE...?

IT IS... AND STILL BEATING... THANKS TO YOU!

I'M NOT SURPRISED YOU'RE CONFUSED... THIS WOMAN IS THE HIGH PRIESTESS OF CONFUSION...

...WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HIM, SEERESS?

BUT SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED! AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M STILL CHANGING!

I SPEND MOST OF MY TIME IN CONFUSION!

DONE, YOU INTERFERING FREAK? NOTHING... COMPARED TO WHAT I'M GOING TO DO TO YOU!

DIE, WORM!

SEERESS! NOOOO!

VERY WELL, RAVAGE... YOU CAN HAVE YOUR PET SPIDER... BUT KEEP HIM UNDER CONTROL -- IF HE SPEAKS AGAINST ME AGAIN, I SHALL NOT ALLOW YOU TO SAVE HIM!

NOW PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER ... YOU HAVE AN ARMY TO LEAD!

I -- I...

Hmmm... IT SEEMS THAT I COULD NOT DESTROY RAVAGE, EVEN IF I WANTED TO! I NEED TO BEAR THAT IN MIND!

YES, SEER... I MEAN -- MISTRESS...

AND DON'T COME BACK WITH-OUT THE HEAD OF DETH-STRYK!

FORWARD! FORWARD TO VICTORY!!

THIS SO-CALLED REVOLUTION OF SUB-HUMAN MISFITS MUST BE DIRECTED TO MY ADVANTAGE.

THOSE FOOLS ON HELLROCK THREATEN TO DISTURB THE BALANCE OF POWER I HAVE SO CAREFULLY BUILT UP...

IT IS TIME THE TREACHEROUS AND EVIL, BUT VERY STUPID SEERESS, LEARNED THAT HER PSYCHIC SCREEN AGAINST ME IS INEFFECTUAL.

AS FOR DETHSTRYK... I SHALL CRUSH HIS PLANS OF RULING OVER A POLLUTED AND DEVASTATED EARTH.

BUT FIRST I MUST DEAL WITH THAT FREAKISH LINCH PIN OF FATE...

... THE ONE CREATURE ON EARTH THAT MY PRESCIENCE TELLS ME I MUST FEAR!
I MUST UTTERLY DESTROY RAVAGE! I SHALL SCATTER HIS ATOMS TO THE WIND!
I SHALL USE EVERY RESOURCE THAT I COMMAND -- UNTIL THAT GIFTED MONSTER IS DEAD!
NEXT ISSUE:
SHOWDOWN!

RANTS & RAVES

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Out Of My Head

Madeleine L'Engle, author of *A Wrinkle In Time* and a bunch of other books I like, was speaking at a local bookstore last weekend. I didn't see the event advertised, I just happen to be in bookstores a lot.

She made the point that a lot of what she gleaned about her readers' tastes, what they read, what they liked about her work, came straight from the mail.

Us, too. Make a point of writing us, the way you'd make a point of voting on Election Day.

Dear *Rants & Raves*,

I've read RAVAGE 2099 since the beginning. Pat and Tony get better with each story. I'm really looking forward to Ravage traveling and a chance to see more of the world of 2099. Ferra the bat is great! Keep her around. I was skeptical when I heard that a new artist would be drawing Ravage, but after I saw Joe Bennett's work, I was hooked. His portrayal of Ravage as more beast-like fits perfectly with his new attitude (I've noticed that he isn't showing any mercy to the bad guys). Everyone involved with Ravage deserves a pat on the back (or maybe a raise?). One more thing, any chance of Hulk 2099 appearing in an issue or two?

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Here's a counter-offer, Aaron. Instead of having the Hulk appear here, how about having Joe Bennett draw an issue of HULK 2099 soon?

Dear Ravagers,

What happened to the big furry guy's personal crusade against Synthia? I was hoping he would become the ultimate environmentally conscious corporate raider. Also, I always thought the Codex Heroica was a record of the Heroic Age, not a book of predictions. If it is the latter, who wrote it? Anyway, a good job on the whole, but just once I want to see a bad guy kick Ravage's butt though. He seems to beat everyone a little too easy.

Leif Daniel
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The Codex Heroica *is* a record of the Heroic Age, not a book of predictions. In issue #23 Barrio Man used it to tell Ravage about the Valley of the Beasts. Barrio Man was the one who "predicted" that Ravage's destiny lay elsewhere.

Dear *Rants & Raves*,

Issue #25 was a nice read. I especially liked Joe Bennett's art on the first story! He did a lot of full pagers that really are exciting to look at! At first I wasn't sure if I liked Joe's stuff, but after three issues I've decided that he's really awesome! There's no other artist that I know of who's doing stuff like Joe. These days it just seems like everyone is drawing like Jim Lee, which is cool but sort of boring after a while, you know?

Anyway, I also liked the HULK 2099 preview. I can't wait until issue #1 comes out!

Ryan Pasternan
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Thanks for appreciating our stab at originality, Ryan! We're sure you'll like our futuristic take on the Hulk, too!

Dear R&R,

I've been a loyal fan of RAVAGE 2099 since the beginning (actually I'm missing issues #2 and 7). I just wanted to say that the current storyline with Ravage on the road is pretty cool. I even like the bat.

1) Can Ravage turn back into a normal person?

2) Can other people talk to Ferra besides Ravage?

3) What exactly is this Valley of the Beasts?

4) Will we see any of the old supporting cast return, like Tiana/Hela?

Until Ravage wears a tutu and dances Swan Lake, make mine Marvel 2099!

Walt Henries
(Address withheld by request)

1) No. He's stuck in that form.

2)Ferra only communicates telepathically, so it's possible.

3) It's a mythical place inhabited by other bestial beings like Ravage.

4) Yeah, this ish! Happy?

Dear *Rants & Raves*,

I just finished reading RAVAGE 2099 #25 and really liked it. The return of Dethstryk was the best! I've been dying to see the return of the Lord of Hellrock for the last year and I was thrilled to see him back. Who is this Luke Ross? His rendition of Dethstryk was terrific and the Seeress looked incredible!

I also liked the prequel of the HULK 2099. The Hulk was never a favorite character of mine so I never bothered to read him in the 2099 UNLIMITED. But I will now. After reading the story by Gerard Jones and Malcolm Davis I'm hooked. I've got to check out issue #1 to see what happens with this Draco guy.

By the way, I almost forgot, the Ravage story was great, too! Joe Bennett seems to get better every issue and Pat Mills and Tony Skinner have maintained their usual level of excellence. Thanks again.

Roger Rieling
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Gracias, Roger. If you liked Luke Ross on the Dethstryk story, then check out his work on the Public Enemy stories in DOOM 2099 #25 and PUNISHER 2099 #25.

Dear *Rants & Raves*,

I'm a big fan of all the 2099 books. My favorites are SPIDER-MAN 2099 and DOOM 2099. I don't usually read RAVAGE, but I picked up issue #25 because it looked really interesting. Well, here's my report.

I wasn't crazy about the story, but Joe Bennett's art was so incredible that I'll definitely keep on reading just to see more of it. Don't ever lose him. The Hulk 2099 preview was very good. It's not surprising, since I've enjoyed Gerard Jones's work on many other projects for many years. The art was more surprising. I'm not familiar with Malcolm Davis but his stuff looked fantastic!

The last story was pretty good. I assume that this means Dethstryk will be back real soon. That's good, because I think he's still the strongest villain to come out of RAVAGE 2099.

Overall, I give RAVAGE #25 thumbs up.

Andrew Kiley
[Address withheld by request]

RAVAGE 2099 FAQs
(Frequently Asked Questions)

1. That's "caul-tron" not "cauldron," for a reason to be revealed later.
2. Avaterr, from "The Fall of the Hammer," will return, but in another 2099 book first.
3. Yes, the Diesteric Competition has a 2099 folder on its on-line service. We guess everybody likes these books.

NEXT ISSUE

Hela and Ferra join forces and descend on Hellrock! Ravage versus the leader of Dethstryk's elite guard! The mutiny of the mutroids! And more! Your presence is requested!

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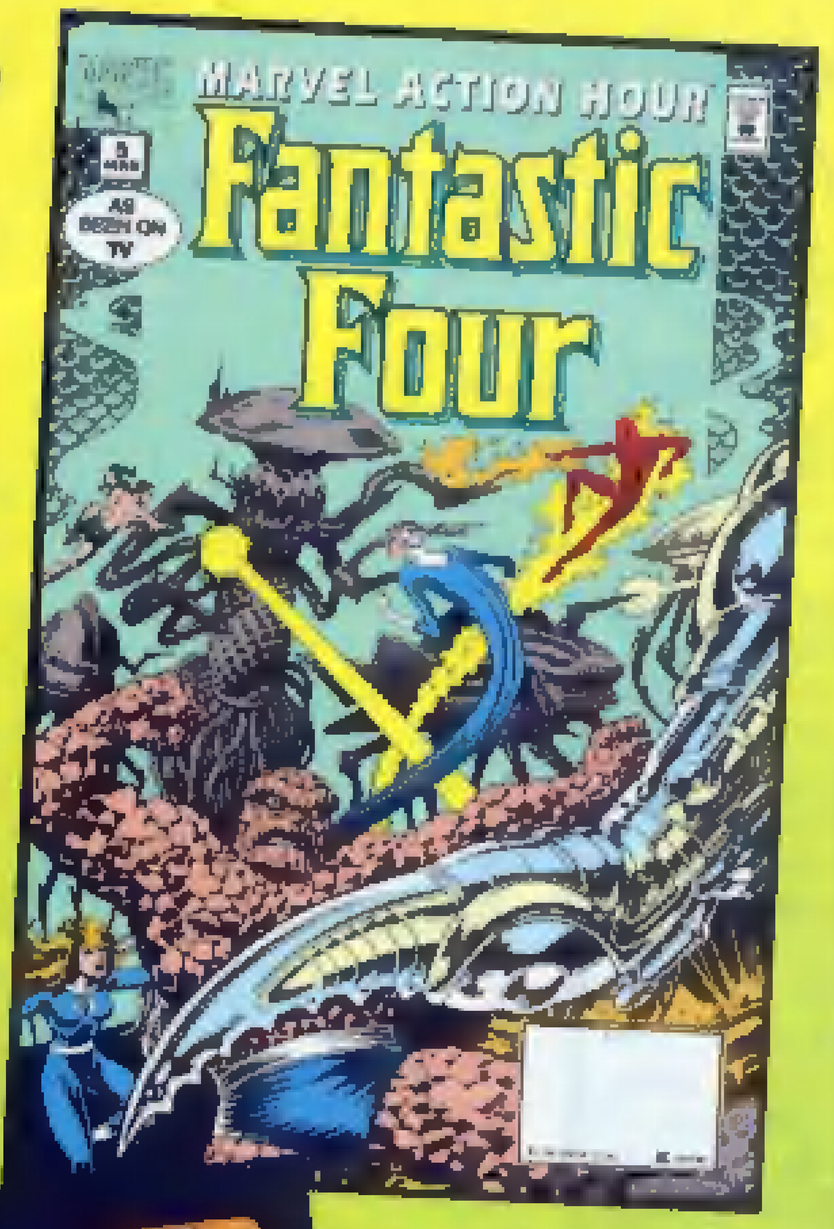

ITEM! Tom Danning is the editor of our two MARVEL ACTION HOUR comics (based on the smash TV series) but he's also having plenty of action hours at home these days! Only the kind of action Tom's engaged in involves changing diapers and singing lullabies! On October 21 of last year, Tom's lovely wife, **Robin**, gave birth to a very animated baby girl named **Emily Grace**! Tom noted that little Emily is already a "big fan of the MARVEL ACTION HOUR! Every Sunday morning, I sit her on my knee and we watch it together. Then I act like the Mandarin and it scares the heck out of her!"

Next week will see the arrival of MARVEL ACTION HOUR: THE FANTASTIC FOUR #5, which concludes a three-part Sub-Mariner mini-epic written by **Joey Cavalieri** and drawn by **Quique Alcatena.** Tom revealed that the plot involves "the Sub-Mariner joining forces with the Fantastic Four to defeat a renegade Atlantean, General Krang, who is planning to attack the surface world." The story is loosely based on the old Lee/Kirby classic FF stories. Tom noted that the issue features "cool Atlantean warships, lots of sea monsters, and great Alcatena artwork!"

Also due next week is MARVEL ACTION HOUR: IRON MAN #5, which begins a three-part origins saga. According to Tom, "The origin of Iron Man is retold, in a slightly different fashion from the Marvel Universe version. We show how Tony Stark and the Mandarin's pasts are linked together." As if that wasn't enough, the issue features everybody's favorite savage dragon, Fin Fang Foom! Tom raved, "The pencils by **Anthony Williams** look fantastic!"

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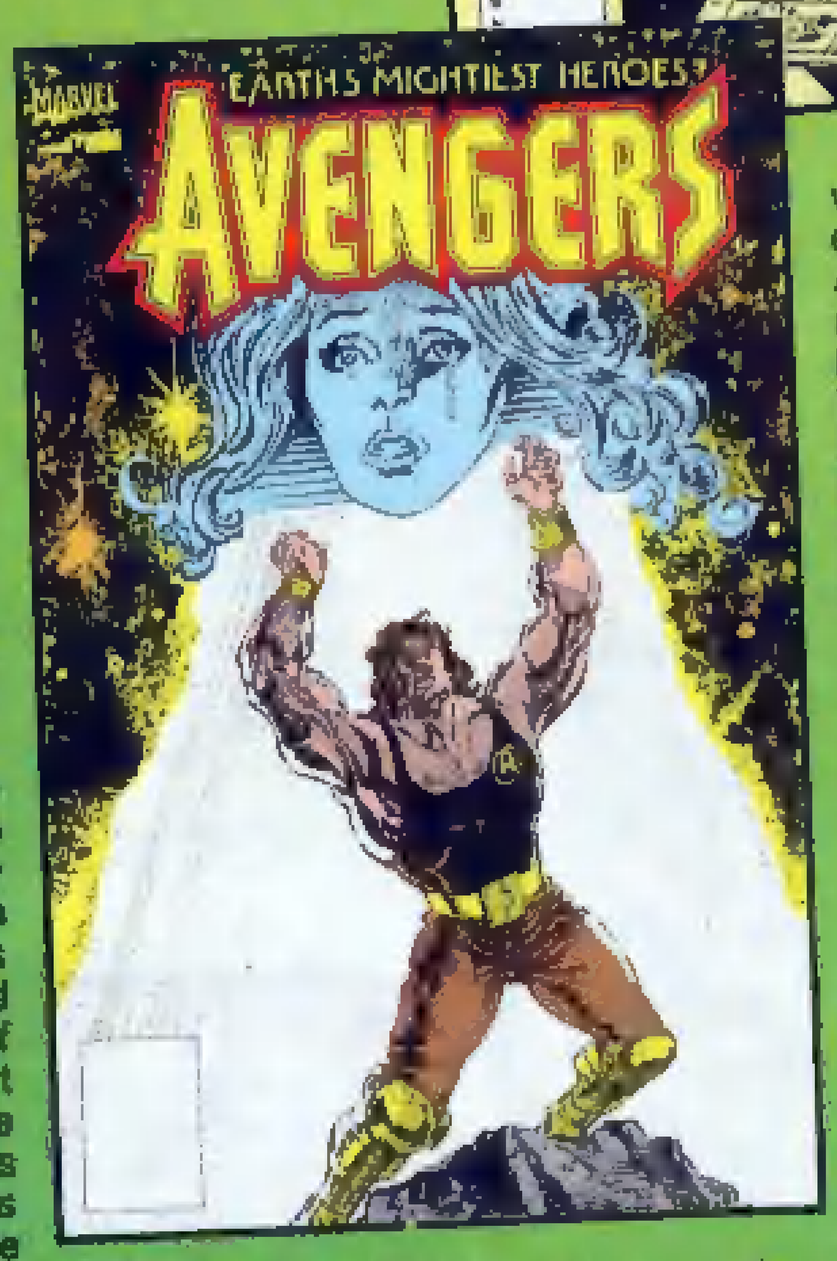

ITEM! The final issue of MARVEL SUPERHEROES MEGAZINE goes on sale next week, and it's a doozy! The issue reprints classic 1980s stories of your favorite Marvel heroes — including Hulk, Fantastic Four, and Iron Man — written and drawn by some of the greatest superstars in the business! Assistant editor **Glen Greenberg** commented, "It's the best last issue you'll ever see! It has a terrific **Scott McDaniel** cover, featuring Daredevil the way you like him!"

ITEM! Big changes are in store for Ant-Man in the pages of FANTASTIC FOUR UNLIMITED #9. Writer **Roy Thomas** explained, "Ant-Man gets mutated by one of the High Evolutionary's old machines which was left under the city, and he turns into this evil mutated creature with super-insect powers!" Among Ant-Man's new abilities: the power to mutate other insects into vicious killers which only he can control! The issue guest-stars the Mighty Thor and his new pals, the God Pack! The art for FANTASTIC FOUR UNLIMITED #9 is provided by good ol' **Herb Trimpe**. Roy urged fans to pick up the issue, to see Ant-Man utilizing his "strange new powers," as he attempts "to conquer first, the city of New York, and then, the world!"

ITEM! AVENGERS #384 is the culmination of Hera's horrendous plot against Hercules. The issue is brought to you by the regular creative team of writer **Bob Harras**, penciler **Mike Deodato**, and inker **Tom Palmer**. Assistant editor **Matt Idelson** vowed that the issue "will bring tears to your eyes. Seriously! You'll believe that a half-god can cry!" Matt pointed out that this issue "sets into motion the big AVENGERS event for this year. This is the year of the Avengers, and it's gonna be cool!"

ITEM! Also on sale next week: AVENGERS #4 MARVEL MILESTONE with the unforgettable return of Captain America and MARVEL SPOTLIGHT ON CAPTAIN AMERICA #3!

STILL ON SALE

- **CAPTAIN AMERICA #437:** While Cap's in a coma, **Free Spirit** and **Jack Flag** take over! By Gruenwald/Hoover/Bulanadi!
- **DARKHAWK #49: Overhawk** goes overboard! More trouble for our overworked hero! By Fingeroth/Smith/Akin!
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- **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #57:** The Keeper reveals the fate of **Galactus!** By Gallagher/West/Montano!
- **SECRET DEFENDERS #24:** Featuring a clash with the *original* Defenders! By Brevoort & Kanterovich/Wylie & Bair/DeZuniga!
- **SILVER SABLE #33:** Hammered by **Hammerhead!** By Wright/Purcell/Eklund!
- **WAR MACHINE #11:** Anything can happen at the office Christmas party! By Kaminski & Benson/Senior/Eklund!
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